(b) if so, what are the reasons for regular late running of Narsapur Express;

(c) what steps are proposed to carefully monitor punctuality or delays of Narsapur Express; and

(d) the number of days the Narsapur Express was late in the month of May, 1998 on its journey from Secunderabad to Narsapur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (d) The punctuality of Narsapur Express is by and large satisfactory. However, due to heavy alarm-chain pulling and other miscreant activities and operational problems like equipment failures, this train ran late on six days in the month of May 1998. Factors causing delays have been analysed and remedial action has been taken including disciplinary action against staff* wherever found responsible.

रेल-लाइनों का विद्युतिकरण

596. **श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया** :

श्री कपिल सिब्बल :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेल लाइनों का विद्युतिकरण होने रेल परिवहन मितव्ययी बनाया जा सकता है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबधं में सरकार ने कितनी बचत होने का अनुमान लगाया है,

(ग) जिन्हें प्रथम दृष्टि में विद्युतिकरण के लिए उचित पाया गया है, और

(घ) यदि हां, तो दिसंम्बर, 1998 तक विद्युतिकरण रेल लाइनों की लम्बाई के साथ-साथ और कुल कितने रेल मार्गों का विद्युतिकरण किए जाने की संभावना है ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री, संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक) : (क) और (ख) रेल लाइन का विद्युतिकरण होने से मितव्ययित आयी है । मुख्य रूप से उन खंडों में जहां यातायात घनत्व अधिक है और विद्युत कर्षक के लिए लागू बिजली की दरें उचित हैं । बचत की मात्रा खंड दर खंड अलग हैं जो उपर्युक्त सहित विभिन्न कारकों पर निर्भर करता है ।

(ग) जी हां, कुछ खंडों पर सर्वेक्षण किया गया है ।जिन्हें प्रथम दृष्टि में विद्युतिकरण के लिए उचित पाया गया है ।

(घ) दिसंबर, 1998 तक, 14879 मार्ग किलोमीटर को विद्युतिकरण किया गया है । 14 रेल मार्गों पर 3080 मार्ग किलोमीटर का कार्य प्रगति पर है ।

New Railway projects in NE

597. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS .be pleased to state:

(a) the location wise details of new railway projects approved by Government in the North Eastern Region during the current financial year;

(b) the estimated cost of the said projects, project wise/State wise; and

(c) if not, the necessary steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The following projects have been taken up in the North East Region during the current financial year:—

(i) Maligaon-Alipurduar: Replacement of analog Microwave equipment by the digital microwave Equipment.	Rs. 1918.64 lacs

(ii) Lumding-Furkating Rs. 915.71 lacs
Replacement of overhead control and block communication alignment by Optic fibre Cable.

(c) Does not arise.

New Rail Tracks in Andhra Pradesh

598. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new track being laid in South Central Railway in Andhra Pradesh in 1998-99;

(b) which particular sections would be taken up during this period;

(c) whether funds have been allotted for this purpose; and

(d) the details of funding schedules and extent of new track to be completed in 1998-99 in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK):

(a) to (d) The details of new lines being taken up by South Central Railway in Andhra Pradesh together with the outlay provided during 1998-99 and their current status are given as under:—

Name of Project NEW LINES	Outlay for 1998-99	Current status
(i) Nandyal-Yerraguntla	Rs. 2.00 crs.	Final location survey has been completed and preparation of land acquisition plans and papers has been taken up and work would be started once the land becomes available.
(ii) Munirabad-Mehboobnagar	Rs. 4.50 crs.	Final Location Survey has been completed. The land acquisition has been taken up and work will be started once the land becomes available.
(iii) Macherla-Nalgonda	Rs. 0.001 crs.	The project has received the necessary clearances. Final Location Survey has been taken up after which land acquisition will be processed. Work would be started once the land becomes available.
(iv) Kakinada-Kotapalli	Rs. 0.001 crs.	The State Govt. has to handover the land fjree of cost in lieu of the land released by the dismantled line which has been heavily built upon by them.
(v) Gadwal-Raichur	Rs. 0.5 crs.	The work has received the requisite clearances. Preliminary arrangements for taking up the work are being made.